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NELSON WILMARTH ALDRICH

Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich was born November 6, 1841, in Foster, R. I., and died in New York, N. Y., April 16, 1915. He was the son of Anan and Abby Ann (Burgess) Aldrich and a descendant of George Aldrich, of Derbyshire, England, who came to America in 1631. On his mother's side he descended from Thomas Burgess, of Sandwich, Mass. He married, October 9, 1866, Miss Abby T. P. Chapman.

Mr. Aldrich came to Providence at the age of nineteen years and was employed by Waldron & Wightman. Returning from service with the Tenth Rhode Island Volunteers in the Civil War, he was again employed by Waldron & Wightman and, later, became a partner in that firm.

He was in the City Government several years, and from 1871 to 1873, was President of the Common Council. In 1875 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of the State and, in 1876 and 1877, was Speaker of the House.

In 1878, Mr. Aldrich was elected Representative in Congress, and in 1881 he was chosen United States Senator, a position he held until 1911, when he declined to be a candidate for another term.

The story of Mr. Aldrich's many activities, other than those in governmental work, is too long for mention here. An excellent and full notice of him appeared in the Providence Journal of April 17, 1915, from which the foregoing has been largely condensed. His library of Rhode Island books was the most extensive collection in private hands.

He became a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1874.

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FRANKLIN CHASE CLARK

Franklin Chase Clark, M. D., was born in Barrington, R. I., and died in Providence, April 26, 1915, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was the son of Edward T. and Mary A. Clark.

Dr. Clark was graduated from Brown University in 1869, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, and practiced his profession in Providence for more than thirty years. He married Miss Lillian D. Phillips.

He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1905. He was much interested in the local history of Providence and compiled a very complete history of its early inns. He was interested, also, in the history of the inland fisheries of Rhode Island and gathered much information about them.

HERBERT NICHOLAS FENNER

Herbert Nicholas Fenner died in Providence, January 5, 1915. He was born in Providence, March 13, 1843, son of Nicholas Arnold and Deborah (Brown) Fenner. He married Miss Emma Frances Brayton, daughter of Lodowick Brayton.

Mr. Fenner was educated in Providence and early in life entered the service of the New England Butt Company, of which he was the treasurer many years. He was also a director of the Industrial Trust Company and of the Joslin Manufacturing Company, and a member of many societies and clubs. He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1901.

Mr. Fenner was a descendant of Capt. Arthur Fenner, who purchased land in Providence in 1650, and, during a long and useful life, was elected to fill many important offices, civil and military, in the Colony and in Providence.

ROBERT IVES GAMMELL

Robert Ives Gammell was born December 30, 1852, and died at his residence on Benefit Street, Providence, January 8, 1915.

He was the son of Professor William and Elizabeth Amory (Ives) Gammell. He was graduated from Brown University in 1872 and received from that institution, in 1875, the degree of Master of Arts. After attending Harvard Law School one year, Mr. Gammell entered the office of Brown & Ives, where he was associated with the firm of Goddard Brothers, and, later, became a member of the firm of Brown & Ives. He was a director of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company and of the Providence Bank, to the presidency of which he was subsequently elected, and he was, also, a director of the Providence Institution for Savings.

Other enterprises with which Mr. Gammell was officially connected were: the Taunton Locomotive Works, the Boston and Providence Railroad, the Lonsdale Company, the Blackstone Company, the Merganthaler Linotype Company, the Washington Insurance Company and several of the State insurance companies. Not long before his death he had been elected a director of the United States Trust Company of New York.

Mr. Gammell was elected in 1890 a trustee of Brown University and in 1912 was elected its vice-chancellor. He was elected in 1903 President of the Rhode Island Hospital, of which he had previously been a trustee. In 1875 he was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society and he was also a member of many associations, societies and clubs in Providence and other cities.

Mr. Gammell married, February 28, 1878, Miss Eliza A. Hoppin, daughter of Francis Edwin Hoppin, of Providence.

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MISS GERTRUDE GOODING

Miss Gertrude Gooding, M. D., was born in Bristol, R. I., July 18, 1855, and died there October 24, 1915. She was the daughter of Josephus and Mary E. (Howland) Gooding. She was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and after teaching for a time practiced medicine in her native town, as well as, previously,

in Philadelphia and Boston. She was a descendant of Governor Bradford, of Plymouth Colony. She was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1911.

ADELOS GORTON

Adelos Gorton was born in Watervliet, N. Y., April 14, 1848, and died June 21, 1915, son of Reuben Ely and Minerva Eunice (Gardner) Gorton. He married, first, Emma Barringer and, second, Alice Potter. He was a descendant of Samuel Gorton who, with others, purchased Shawomet (Warwick, R. I.), in 1642.

Mr. Gorton was author, editor and publisher. He was president of the Home Publishing Company, later A. Gorton & Co., book publishers. He compiled The Gorton Family of 960 pages, with nearly 14,000 names. He was a member of the University Lodge (Masons), of Philadelphia; the American Academy of Political and Social Science; the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society; the Rhode Island Historical Society, etc. He was elected a member of the latter in 1907. His residence was in Philadelphia, Penn.

GEORGE OLNEY GORTON

George Olney Gorton was born in Providence, January 27, 1835, and died in Providence, January 24, 1915. He was the son of Capt. Nathan and Rhoba (Jackson) Gorton and was engaged in the jewelry business.

Early in life he became interested in military affairs and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted as a private in Company C of the First Rhode Island Detached Militia, taking part in the first battle of Bull Run. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Third Rhode Island Heavy Artillery and later, successively, First Lieutenant, Adjutant, Captain and Major of the same regiment; the last two positions he declined.

Later in life Mr. Gorton became interested in genealogical and historical research.

He married, first, Miss Mary W. Carter, of Boston, and, second, Mrs. Lillie Brayton Tew. He was a descendant of Samuel Gorton who, with others, purchased Shawomet (Warwick, R. I.). He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1903.

HENRY TYLER GRANT

Henry Tyler Grant was born in Providence, April 22, 1846, and died in Providence, April 25, 1915, son of Henry Townsend and Mary Mason (Howard) Grant.

Mr. Grant's early occupation was that of manufacturer at Southbridge, Mass. Later, he became interested in the insurance business, and at his death was President of the Mercantile Mutual Fire Insurance Company and of the Narragansett Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was graduated from Brown University in the class of 1869, and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He was a member of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, the Audubon Society, the Rhode Island School of Design, the Providence Athenæum, the University Club and the Brown Union.

He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1891, and at the time of his death, was its treasurer.

Mr. Grant married Miss Annie Manton February 3, 1872.

WILLIAM ANTHONY HOPPIN

William Anthony Hoppin, son of Francis Edwin and Eliza Harris (Anthony) Hoppin, was born in Providence, June 22, 1844, and died at Mentone, France, January 27, 1915. He married Virginia, daughter of Seth B. Wheaton.

Mr. Hoppin was for many years Treasurer of the Providence Institution for Savings, resigning the position in 1899. He was a

member of the Hope Club and became a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1897.

Mr. Hoppin's earliest Hoppin ancestor in New England was Stephen Hoppin, of Dorchester, Mass., and he was a great-grandson of William Jones, Governor of Rhode Island, 1811–1817, whose membership of the Order of Cincinnati he inherited.

ARTHUR LIVINGSTON KELLEY

Arthur Livingston Kelley was born in Compton, N. Y., April 17, 1858, and died in Providence, April 7, 1915, son of Joseph H. and Samantha (Westcott) Kelley.

Mr. Kelley came to Providence about thirty years ago and was connected with many manufacturing enterprises. In 1908 he was elected president of the Narragansett Electric Lighting Company and was a director of the United States Rubber Company. He was also vice-president of the Industrial Trust Company and was a director of the Providence Journal Company and of several banks and other institutions. He was a member too, of the Hope Club, the Agawam Hunt Club, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Squantum Association. He married, in 1878, Lotta Persis Fuller. He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1901.

WILLIAM MACKEY PECKHAM

William Mackey Peckham was the only son of Reuben and Mary (Mackey) Peckham to survive childhood. He was born in Troy, New York, February 15, 1852, and died there May 11, 1915. He married, August 19, 1874, Emily A. Peck, by whom he had four children. He was Secretary of the John A. Manning Paper Company and member of the State Street Methodist Church, which he served as trustee for twenty-six years. He was Past Master of King Solomon's Primitive Lodge, No. 91, Free and

Accepted Masons; Past-Thrice-Illustrious Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masons, and Past Eminent Commander and Trustee of Apollo Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar. He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1899.

WILLIAM CONRAD RHODES

William Conrad Rhodes, son of George W. and Caroline M. Rhodes, was born in Providence, November 29, 1843, and died in Providence, November 5, 1915. He was graduated from Brown University in the class of 1864 with the degree of Ph. B. He was engaged in the wholesale drygoods business in New York for many years, and after retiring, devoted his time and energy to the direction of the music of St. Stephen's Church, Providence, organizing and developing the boys' choir and making it one of the best in the city. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars and of the Hope, University and Agawam Hunt Clubs. He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1900.

JOEL HERBERT SHEDD

J. Herbert Shedd was born in Pepperell, Mass., May 31, 1834, son of Joel and Eliza (Edson) Shedd, and died at his residence in North Smithfield, R. I., November 27, 1915. He was educated in the public schools of Massachusetts and turned his attention at an early age to the profession of civil engineering, in which he became eminently successful. After gaining experience elsewhere, he was called to Providence in 1866, to study the question of building public waterworks for the city. An excellent report made by him, determined the hitherto reluctant people of Providence to authorize the undertaking and he was appointed chief engineer under a water commission chosen for the purpose.

Besides his work upon the Providence waterworks Mr. Shedd accomplished much for the benefit of the State, having filled the position of head of the State Harbor Commission from its beginning, in 1876, until his death, as well as other offices. He was city engineer of Providence for seven years and member of many societies of civil engineers and other associations and clubs. He married, first, Miss Julia A. Clarke, of Newport, and, second, Miss Sarah Marble, of North Smithfield.

He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1874.

JAMES STUART SLATER

James Stuart Slater was born in Slatersville, R. I., April 23, 1841, and died November 11, 1915, son of Stephen C. and Sally B. (Carroll) Slater. He married, second, Miss Evelyn Johnson, of Slatersville, R. I. He was educated in the public schools and at different times held the positions of town clerk, assistant postmaster and assessor of taxes. He was a member of Company I, Seventh Regiment, R. I. Volunteers in the Civil War.

The Providence Journal of November 12, 1915, said of Mr. Slater:

"He was an excellent penman and a deep student of Rhode Island history. It was he who 'pushed' the celebration of May 4th as Rhode Island Independence Day through the General Assembly in 1908. His research into historical subjects has brought to light several valuable old documents and brought him into close touch with all the historical societies of the State."

At the time of his death, Mr. Slater represented the town of North Smithfield in the General Assembly. He was elected a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1900.

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